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SUBJECT: QR BILATERAL WITH MEXICO

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1. MTN DEL MAY AGREE TO JULY 12 BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

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WITH MEXICO. HOWEVER, IF THE MEXICANS HAVE NO OBJECTIONS,

WE WOULD PREFER HOLDING BILATERAL THURSDAY AFTERNOON JULY 15 SO THAT MATTHEISEN, WHO WILL ARRIVE IN GENEVA ON THURSDAY MORNING, CAN ATTEND.

2. WE ALSO WISH TO ADD DISCUSSION OF THE MEXICAN IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM TO THE AGENDA. WE BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

(A) AGENDA FOR BILATERALS SHOULD BE BALANCED WITH RESPECT TO TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

(B) SINCE GOM OFFICIAL (GAZOL) RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING IMPORT LICENSING PROGRAM WILL BE IN GENEVA, WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN INSIGHT INTO THE RATIONALE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LICENSING PROGRAM.

(C) WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO GAIN THE VIEWS OF MR. GAZOL, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF COMMERCE, ON THE NEGOTIABILITY OF THE MEXICAN LICENSING SYSTEM.

3. WITH RESPECT TO US VIEWS ON MEXICAN QR PROPOSAL (MTN/NTM/W/29), MTN DEL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY AMBASSADOR YEUTTER'S COMMENTS AT JUNE 28 BILATERAL IN WASHINGTON, PP. 7-10 OF QR POSITION PAPER FOR THE MARCH MEETING, AND BRIEFING MATERIALS PREPARED FOR JUNE 28-29 BILATERALS WITH MEXICO WHICH WERE HAND CARRIED TO GENEVA BY BEN IRVIN.

4. WITH RESPECT TO US VIEWS ON THE MEXICAN SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE DRAFT TEXTS ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES (MTN/NTM/W/11 ADD 8), MTN DEL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY IMPORT LICENSING POSITION PAPER (TPSC 76-33 PAGES 5-7), WHICH WAS HAND CARRIED TO GENEVA LAST WEEKEND BY GORDON STREEB.

5. WITH RESPECT TO US VIEWS ON MEXICAN IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM, MTN DEL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY BRIEFING MATERIALS PREPARED FOR THE JUNE 28-29 BILATERAL IN WASHINGTON AND DRAFT REPORT OF JUNE 29 DISCUSSION ON THE MEXICAN LICENSING SYSTEM, WHICH WAS HAND CARRIED TO GENEVA BY JON HARTZELL ON JULY 8.

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6. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS OF JUNE 28 BILATERAL DISCUSSION OF MEXICAN QR PROPOSAL - AMBASSADOR YEUTTER OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY SUGGESTING THAT THE FIRST THREE ELEMENTS OF THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL MIGHT BE USEFUL PRELIMINARY STEPS IN LAYING THE BASIS FOR QR NEGOTIATIONS. THESE THREE ELEMENTS OF THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL CALL FOR: (A) THE GATT SECRETARIAT TO UPDATE THE NTB INVENTORY BY INCLUDING THE

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE QR NOTIFICATIONS, (B) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADVISORY MACHINERY TO COMBINE AND SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARIAT WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING LISTS OF RESTRICTIONS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND, (C) PLURILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON RESTRICTIONS OF INTEREST TO VARIOUS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

7. AMBASSADOR YEUTTER COMMENTED FURTHER THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT PREPARED TO EITHER ACCEPT OR REJECT THE ELEMENTS OF THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL DEALING WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF QRS, BECAUSE WE HAVE YET TO REQUEST THE ADVICE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES ON THIS ISSUE. THE UNITED STATES HOPES TO BE IN A POSITION TO OUTLINE ITS VIEWS ON QR NEGOTIATING PROCEDURES, WHICH WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ELEMENTS, AT THE FALL MEETING OF THE QR SUBGROUP. SUCH A TIMETABLE WILL HOPEFULLY PROVIDE THE UNITED STATES ADEQUATE TIME TO CONSULT WITH ITS ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

8. FURTHER, AMBASSADOR YEUTTER STRESSED THAT THE US HAS RELATIVELY FEW QRS IN COMPARISON TO THE EC AND JAPAN. THEREFORE, HE SUGGESTED THAT MEXICO FOCUS ITS EFFORTS ON THE LIBERALIZATION OF THE QRS OF THOSE COUNTRIES AND THEREBY BECOME ONE OF OUR PRINCIPAL ALLIES ON THIS SUBJECT.

9. THE MEXICAN REP. (GARRIDO) CONCLUDED THE QR DISCUSSION BY STATING THAT MEXICO LOOKS FORWARD TO HEARING US VIEWS ON QR NEGOTIATING PROCEDURES AND DETAILED COMMENTS ON THE ELEMENTS OF THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL DEALING WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF QRS.

10. CHANGES SUGGESTED BY MEXICO TO DRAFT LICENSING TEXTS WERE NOT DISCUSSED AT THE JUNE 28 BILATERAL. KISSINGER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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